

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring now in general to the Figures, set forth is a rod holder assembly 10 of the instant invention having an upper flange 12 defined by a top surface 14 and a lower surface 16 with a centrally disposed aperture 18 therethrough. The upper flange 12 operates as a coupling point employing at least one securement boss 20, and preferably three securement bosses 20, 20' and 20", each having internal threads receptive to a mechanical fastener such as a threaded bolt or machine screw. The upper flange 12 is further defined by a ~~parameter~~ perimeter edge 22 which is spaced apart from the opening 18 effectively providing a lip that engages the top of a mounting surface 25 and distributes stress over a large area.